

MAY 01 2006**Amendments to the Claims:**

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claim 1 (currently amended). An apparatus for detecting fingerprints, comprising:

a reading unit for scanning a finger;

an image processing unit connected to said reading unit for producing an image of the finger;

a data interface connected to said image processing unit and being based on a standard for ~~changeable~~ flash memory cards holding large volumes of data; and

a housing commonly holding said reading unit and said image processing unit, ~~and said housing having a portion with a housing shape for receiving the changeable memory cards of a flash memory card.~~

Claim 2 (original). The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein the standard is a multimedia card standard.

Claim 3 (original). The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image processing unit produces data readable by a reader for the memory cards.

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Claim 4 (original). The apparatus according to claim 2, wherein said image processing unit produces data readable by a reader for the memory cards and conforming to the multimedia card standard.

Claim 5 (original). The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein said image processing unit is configured to ascertain minutiae of a recorded image of the finger and to read the minutiae via said data interface.

Claim 6 (canceled).

Claim 7 (original). The apparatus according to claim 1, wherein each of the volumes of data holdable on the memory cards is at least one megabyte.